

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner thus obviating the objections to those claims.

Turning to the art rejections and considering first the rejection of claims 1-5 and 8 as obvious from Ishihara (newly cited) in view of Karkkainen, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 (which has been canceled) and some of the limitations of claim 9. Thus, claim 1, as amended is directed, in part, to a hand held electronic display comprising a display having a user controlled cursor visible on a front face of the device, and a touch pad on a rear face of the device for the user to select the functions by moving the cursor. The primary reference Ishihara neither discloses nor suggests a user movable cursor visible on the front face of the device movable by the user by a touch pad provided on the rear face of the device as incorporated by claim 1, as amended. Rather, in Ishihara, the cursor 55 is merely part of the fixed display which specifies which item has been chosen (paragraph 0049).

The secondary reference Karkkainen does not supply the missing teachings to Ishihara. Karkkainen employs a scroll 6 such as a jog dial for scrolling through icons and highlighting a respective selected icon. Karkkainen's contribution to the art is to display enlarged a particular selected icon. At best, a combination of Ishihara and Karkkainen would provide a device in which an item selected by a touch pad is highlighted by enlargement. Thus, claim 1 and the several claims dependent thereon cannot be said to be obvious from Ishihara and Karkkainen.

Turning to the rejection of claim 9 as obvious from Ishihara in view of Karkkainen, and further in view of Chia-Ying, claim 9 is dependent on claim 1. The deficiencies of the combination of Ishihara and Karkkainen vis-à-vis claim 1 are discussed above. It is not seen

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that Chia-Ying supplies the missing teachings to Ishihara and Karkkainen to achieve or render obvious claim 1 or claim 9 which depends thereon. Chia-Ying is a portable computer rather than a hand-held device as required by claim 1. Moreover, Chia-Ying does not teach or suggest a touch pad on the back of the device. Thus, even assuming arguendo Chia-Ying is as the Examiner makes no combination of Ishihara, Karkkainen and Chi-Ying could be said to achieve or render obvious claim 1 or claim 9 which depends thereon.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

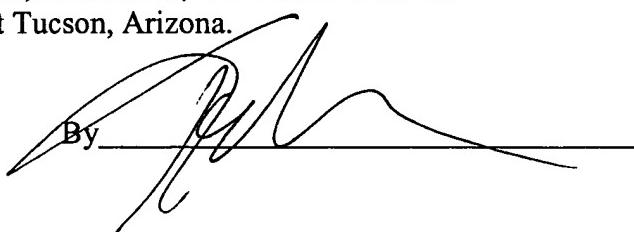


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